

SENATE BILL NO. 370

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 03/30/94
Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing an exemption from gambling laws for gambling conducted by
2 cruise ships for their ticketed passengers in the offshore water of the state
3 outside of ports; defining 'cruise ship'; and providing for the licensing of certain
4 cruise ships before they can conduct gambling in the offshore water of the state."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * Section 1. AS 05.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **ARTICLE 4. CRUISE SHIP LICENSING.**

8 **Sec. 05.15.250. LICENSING OF CRUISE SHIPS.** (a) The department shall
9 license a cruise ship to conduct gambling under AS 11.66.275 in the offshore water
10 of the state if

11 (1) the operator of the cruise ship annually applies on a form provided
12 by the department; and

13 (2) the operator pays the annual licensing fee required under (b) of this
14 section.

1 (b) The licensing fee for a cruise ship to conduct gambling under (a) of this
2 section is for cruise ships with a capacity of

3 (1) 500 or fewer passengers \$5,000;

4 (2) more than 500 passengers but fewer than 1,000 passengers

5 \$10,000;

6 (3) 1,000 passengers or more \$15,000.

7 (c) Other provisions of this chapter do not apply to gambling on a cruise ship.

8 (d) The department shall revoke the license of a cruise ship that becomes
9 ineligible to hold a license under this section, provides false information in an
10 application for a license, or conducts gambling in violation of the provisions of
11 AS 11.66.275.

12 (e) In this section,

13 (1) "cruise ship" has the meaning given in AS 11.66.275;

14 (2) "offshore water of the state" has the meaning given in
15 AS 11.66.275.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 11.66 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 11.66.275. CRUISE SHIP EXEMPTION. (a) The provisions of
18 AS 11.66.200 - 11.66.280 do not apply to gambling conducted by a cruise ship for its
19 ticketed passengers in the offshore water of the state if

20 (1) the cruise ship is licensed under AS 05.15.250;

21 (2) the cruise ship does not conduct gambling within three nautical
22 miles of a state port visited by the cruise ship; and

23 (3) the gambling is ancillary to the cruise and the cruise has as its main
24 purpose scenic cruising and port visits at maritime communities in the state.

25 (b) In this section,

26 (1) "cruise ship" means a ship that operates at least 120 days a year
27 anywhere in the world, provides cruises of at least 72 hours in length for ticketed
28 passengers, provides overnight accommodations and meals for those passengers, and
29 is operated by an authorized cruise ship operator certified under the International
30 Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea;

31 (2) "offshore water of the state" means the marine water over which

1 the state has jurisdiction.